

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, June 1, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Ann Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams. Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Mr. Xavier Herrera, Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:19 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they were having a slight technical difficulty, which was the cause of the delay, the monitor was out so she could not tell when they were in the queue to speak so they were going to have to do it the old fashioned way, they were going to have to wave and they would try to be alert, that they were seeing if they could find another monitor. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were all aware that they lost a member of their team this weekend, that Police Officer Kevin Will was killed in the line of duty, that his funeral service would be tomorrow morning and knew that information had been distributed to Council Members, that she would ask that everyone in the chamber to please join her for a moment of silence and a silent prayer in commemoration of Officer Will. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell and Noriega absent.

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Parker called on Council Member Jones for the prayer and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Jones welcomed Sri Ganesh, Chief Priest at the Sowmya Kasi Shiva Laya Temple and Chinmaya Mission located in southwest Houston, to lead them in prayer and Council Member Jones led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Lovell and Noriega absent.

At 9:15 a.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Hoang and Lovell absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Costello moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang and Lovell absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Costello moved to suspend the rules to hear two speakers on Item No. 68, Mr. Jim Mills and Ms. Stephanie Hayes, first, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0409 ADOPTED.

Council Member Costello moved to suspend the rules to consider out of order, after the two public speakers, Item Numbers 68 and 18, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0410 ADOPTED.

Mr. Jim Mills, 2818 Lake Colony, Missouri City, Texas 77459 (713-685-6822) appeared and stated that he was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, that he was the elected Chief Volunteer representing 1,100 member business drawn from across the entire City, that they join their organization, a public private partnership to participate in and enhance their efforts to sell the City to convention planners, meeting delegates and leisure tourists, domestically and internationally, that they focus on

bringing business to the City resulting in overnight hotel stays, that last year they produced more than 543,000 room nights, verifiable room nights, that the largest single source of Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues, resulting in direct expenditures of almost \$7 million, in short, they were the official sales and marketing institution for the City for conventions, meetings and tourism, that a few events held in Houston, due to their efforts, were the International Quilt Festival, the NCAA Final Four, Offshore Technology Conference, Museum Directors Association and Comicalooza, that founded 49 years ago by the private sector they had operated under contract to the City for more than 30 years, this was who they were and the point of view from which they access the proposed changes before Council this morning, that fundamentally he wished to convey their support for the proposed merger of CEF and the Hotel Corp., that they were initially concerned about the impact of this change on their organization, they would no longer be in a direct relationship with the City and subordinate to an appointed board without guarantees of representation, they looked for validation of their unique and vital role in the proposed language and found little or none, that their concerns led them to ask for the following; recognition of their essential role for the City, a longer contract term to match the proposed 15 year agreement, dedication of their historic HOT Tax Allotment, a commitment to HFC Board representation, an access to protocol services since this function was moving to the City, that in order to voice their concerns they began to meet last week with City Council Members, as well as with the Mayor's office, by Thursday they had obtained commitments from the administration proposing solutions to each of their concerns that they found to be fair and reasonable, they were thankful for the open dialog and would address their remaining concerns within the framework of their contract, the solutions proposed by the administration included a three year contract with annual performance and budget allocations to be approved by City Council, a line item in the HFC annual budget review, dedicated to the relationship between HFC and the GHADB, a commitment to broad goals for representation on the HFC Board of Directors and access to the services of the Protocol Office, that they sincerely appreciated the administrations good faith efforts to resolve their areas of concern, that there remains much to do, but they were confident of a mutually beneficial result therefore they supported the proposed merger. Council Members Lovell and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that the Houston First Board's Annual Plan still had to come back to City Council for approval and the provisions of the contracts under them would be available to Council Members as part of that process, that as Mr. Mills stated their intention was to put a three year contract in place for the CBB, the City's intention to do that, that the board would have the authority to negotiate and the City would have final approval; that the new entity would be in charge of approving contracts for the facilities, however, there was a timing issue with the Aramark Contract, it was a contract that they put out to bid some months ago and for whatever reason, she could not recall now, the top two bidders fell out and they were extending with Aramark so that issue could be sorted out, that this was a bridge for an opportunity, they would have to have a new process on these janitorial services, that as to their being reimbursed back from C&E for paying out the Aramark contract as of the date of the transition there would be reimbursements either way.

Ms. Stephanie Hayes had been added to the speakers list by Motion 2011-0409, but was not present when her name was called.

68. ORDINANCE relating to the consolidation of some of the functions of the Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department and the Houston Convention Center Hotel Corporation; approving and authorizing third amendment to Articles of Incorporation of the Houston Convention Center Hotel Corporation; approving and authorizing Lease Agreement and an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **HOUSTON CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL CORPORATION – (This was Item 25 on Agenda of May 18, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS RODRIGUEZ; JONES; JOHNSON; HOANG; STARDIG and CLUTTERBUCK)** – was presented.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor's staff for providing his office with some very last minute information that he had asked for, that he appreciated City Attorney David Feldman's memo answering some of his questions regarding HOT Taxes and also the future of their employees as they transition, that he appreciated Mr. Icken and Ms. Ullrich taking the time to brief his office very thoroughly, that he was comfortable and appreciated working with the Mayor on this and being pretty involved with this process.

Mayor Parker stated that she expected Council Member Rodriguez to be extremely involved, that she intended to ask him to serve as an ex officio member so that he could visit the board and make sure that he stayed engaged, that she appreciated his willingness to do that.

A vote was called on Item No. 68. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2011-0390 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE **AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; containing a repealer; providing for severability – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2011-0391 ADOPTED.

**REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY** including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds - was presented.

Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller, and Mr. Kelly Dowe, Director of Finance, reviewed the Monthly Operations and Finance Report, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's office for review. Mayor Parker and Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Costello stated that the difference between the Finance Director's projections and the Controller's projection was just under \$10 million, that about half of that was associated with the sale of capital assets, that Director Dowe recognized it while they were working it and the Controller recognized it when they made the sale, that about \$5.6 million was the difference between the sale of capital assets, but they had an item pending which was a little over \$2 million so that would shrink the gap once they accepted that item, was that correct, and Mr. Green stated that was right, related to the sale of Capital Assets, and as they get the check in and recognize it on the books they would see a change in the future MOFRs. Mayor Parker and Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Sullivan asked if they could give them dollar amounts that they thought they would be short this year, and then how they would solve it. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Mr. Green stated that as he had mentioned all along he thought the only place they were going to get it, at this point, was probably going to be in their Fund Balance, which was obviously something that he encouraged them to do very cautiously with one month left in the Fiscal Year, that the difference was about \$38 million. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Mr. Dowe stated that if they looked at the bottom of the MOFAR, on the budget gap, the Controller projected \$38.6 million and they projected \$28.6 million, and as Council Member

Costello stated that were about \$10 million off in revenue and that was the difference between their two projections and they also projected that coming from Fund Balance in FY11.

After discussion Council Member Clutterbuck stated that their expenditures planned for 2012 were really only about, as she saw in yesterday's report, \$3 million less than what they spent in 2011 and asked Mr. Dow if that was correct, and Mr. Dowe stated that he believed she was looking at FY10 to FY11, from FY11 to FY12 it was almost \$100 million than the FY11 estimates to the FY12 estimates, that it was about \$100 million and thought they were saying the same thing; Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she hoped that their 5 year plan was on the citywide website and Mr. Dowe stated that it was, and Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she was going to put a link to it on her website, that one of the other additional things that came out of the 5 year plan, that she thought was important to look at, was that when they were talking about their expenditures they did not have listed on all of the forms their Debt Service, so when they were talking about what they were spending at the City of Houston it was important to know that they were talking about Debt Service as well and that needed to be on all of the discussions that they were having because they could not really cut that. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez asked at what point could they at least discuss how they planned to bring more funds back into the Rainy Day Fund, and Mr. Green stated that it was always the appropriate time, that he thought it was always one of those things, as they liked to talk about their own budget, they spend some and they save some, that he understood there was a plan to begin that process in 2013, that obviously he suggestion was to start it as quickly as possible and he thought that there were some ways that they could do it in the next fiscal year, probably through the sale of some of these capital assets that were not baked into the budget, and Mr. Dowe stated that was correct, and they did not go into that a whole lot yesterday, but they purposely had not projected a number of one time sales for properties that they did hold and that would obviously be an option above the plan they already had, which was \$5 million a year beginning in FY13, those capital assets, absolutely, could be directed to that purpose. Council Member Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as the gentlemen both mentioned, as some of these one time infusions of cash come in she tended to give Council Members the option, that her first intention was to put a replenishment of the Rainy Day Fund starting this fiscal year because she believed some of those funds would come in, but because of the deep cuts they had made in a number of neighborhood services the feeling was that they ought to leave that option open as the year progressed, that if Council Members believed that the highest priority was replenishing the Rainy Day Fund if new revenues, as they projected, came in from these one time sales they could move it to Rainy Day or they could begin to restore the cuts, and they would make sure that was a discussion for all of Council. Council Members Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Costello moved to accept the April 2011 Monthly Operations and Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0411 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 2 out of order at this time, Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0411A ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. JUANITA JACKSON BARNER** to Position Two of the **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON** and the **FIREFIGHTERS** and **POLICE OFFICERS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**, for a term to expire June 14, 2012 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang.

All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.  
MOTION 2011-0412 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had just confirmed the appointment of Ms. Juanita Jackson Barner to Position Two of the Civil Service Commission, and asked that Ms. Barner please come to the podium to be recognized. Council Members Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Barner stated that she wanted to thank the Mayor and City Council Members, that she greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Civil Service Commission and was grateful for the opportunity and she looked forward to serve the Civil Service Commission and looked forward to the challenge. Council Members Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 62 and 67 out of order, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0413 ADOPTED.

62. RECEIVE nominations for Positions 11 and 13 of the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a two-year term – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, and Council Member Lovell moved to postpone Item No. 62 for four weeks, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0414 ADOPTED.

67. ORDINANCE **ADDING ARTICLE XIX TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to fire inspections for child-care homes; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing a penalty; providing for severability – (This was Item 22 on Agenda of May 18, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JONES and JOHNSON) – was presented. Council Member Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Pennington, Mayor Parker yielded to Council Member Lovell, and Council Member Lovell stated that they intended to put on the website all of the daycare facilities that pass inspection, along with other information for parents to have when they went to look at a daycare facility, that they intended to use this as a whole education tool

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that it was certainly not the intent of the administration to have multiple inspections, but on the other hand if they determined problems were there they would need the ability to go back and monitor; that in the ordinance there was one inspection and if the childcare home was found to constitute a fire hazard there would be a follow up inspection within 30 days and there was no charge for that follow up inspection, that if a problem remained after the follow up inspection and a third inspection was required there was a re-inspection fee, but it was intended to be an annual inspection to make sure that all problems were corrected.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 67. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0392 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Hoang for a point of personal privilege.

Council Member Hoang stated that he had a Shanghai delegation, along with the Houston Trade Center and the Shanghai Friendship Association with the City of Houston was going to be present and he asked that they all stand and be recognized, and Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank them for being present in the Council Chamber.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for going back and taking a picture with the delegation that was present to give the prayer, they asked her to inform everyone that it was the first time in the history of the City that they had a Hindu Chant before City Council, that she was very proud to have been a part of that, that it was very important for them to take a picture with the Mayor of the City.

At 10:01 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the public session and asked the City Secretary to call the first speaker, the City Secretary stated that Mr. Jim Mills, the first on the list, was heard earlier. Council Member Costello absent.

Ms. Lise Valbert, 1617 Missouri, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-216-7157) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Costello absent.

Council Member Bradford moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Sandra Morrison at the top of the three minute speakers list followed by Officer L. C. Morrison and Mr. Bill Elkin, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. MOTION 2011-0415 ADOPTED.

Ms. Dena Green, 1603 Haver, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-204-5054) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Hoang, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Sandra Morrison, 30926 Hilltop Lane, Magnolia, Texas 77354 (832-866-7200) appeared and stated that after the death of Officer Kevin Will over the past weekend she and her husband were present with concerns; that it was happening too often, injuries almost killed her husband two years ago in the same situation and there needed to be changes; that policies and procedures were not working and they could not continue to have officers maimed as her husband was or killed as Officer Will was. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Officer L. C. Morrison, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that he was now retired, but two years ago on Memorial weekend he was run over by two drunk drivers; that God let him live and through multiple surgeries and tremendous pain he was able to stand and say thank you for allowing him to serve the city which was the greatest honor in his life; that changes in city policy needed to be implemented pertaining to freeway closures, currently an officer arrived at a scene and to shut down additional lanes all he had was road flares and he would suggest spikes beyond the flair line until arrow board signs could be brought out to the scene and the Texas Department of Transportation had cushion trucks where something flipped down in case someone ran into it and it had arrow lights also; that people intoxicated did not have a mentality to understand lights or road flares and the supplier of spikes even had a set to bring an eighteen wheeler to a stop and they could get them at little or no cost because of federal grant money so tools were available to save lives; and if he could be any assistance he was a phone call away. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that all appreciated his service to the City of Houston and she was sorry for what he had to go through and that this weekend's incident brought back very painful memories; that she had discussed with the department his suggestions and they would consider it, although there was a concern in putting road spikes as it could cause additional hazards, but his suggestions would be followed-up. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Lovell thanked Officer Morrison for coming, gave condolences to the Will family and stated that she thought his ideas were good ones; that all tools available to protect

officers should be used and at TransStar they knew when an incident took place and asked if they could dispatch over however many wreckers were needed to set up a barricade between the officer; that she understood the driver actually went around the barricades and officers directing traffic; that children were also hurt this week end and every case was intoxication and if they needed to renew efforts with education against drinking and driving by public service announcements they needed to do so, but they would check with the towing industry on setting up a barricade. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Officer Morrison for being present and serving the city and appreciated his willingness to come forward today and his still serving in a different capacity and offering his insight; and he appreciated his wife as well. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Bradford thanked Officer Morrison for his sacrifices and service to the City of Houston and his wife for their sacrifices as a family; that it was with great pain they would attend services for Officer Will tomorrow; that lane closures for these type scenes were almost imperative now, there had been too many incidents with officers injured and killed in some cases as indicated; that drinking or drugs and driving was deadly and it was an excellent idea to dispatch additional wreckers to the scene for a barricade and felt that should be looked into and modify the SafeClear contract or guidelines to make sure they could be utilized for lane closures. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Officer L. C. Morrison, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0416 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Officer Morrison stated that when he was an accident investigator and went to a scene it was his scene and in most cases there was one more additional officer, but some weekends there were multiple fatalities at the same time and they were scattered and each officer was pretty much on his own at his scene; that it was very frustrating not having enough large objects to stop vehicles from coming through the scene and he felt arrow signs were a great asset and could be towed to the scene each tied to the other and block lanes and they were very inexpensive; that he did not support a hard written rule on how many officers must be assigned to scenes, but from experience he knew an additional set of officer's eyes would be helpful; that he was not saying in Officer Will's case it was due to a lack of officers, but they did need to ensure every safeguard possible would be put in place, there had been too many incidents on freeways, etc., and again thanked him and his family for their sacrifices. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Stardig thanked Officer Morrison for his service; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that Officer Will and other officers were there investigating a prior hit and run where an apparently impaired driver hit two motorcycles and one of them was critically injured so it was a scene which had been going on some time and at 3:30 in the morning it was easy to direct traffic off onto the feeder road and the freeway was shut down; and Council Member Stardig stated that she appreciated his dedication and service and this should be reviewed. Council Members Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Officer L. C. Morrison, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0417 ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams thanked Officer Morrison for his service and for his coming and

telling Council they needed to think outside the box to protect citizens and the men and women who protected and served daily; and stated that she knew Chief McClelland was watching and that the Mayor would try and come up with every way to protect all parties; and for Officer Will to have moved the person out of the way and then was hit himself, he thought of another's life before his own and that was commended. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Officer Morrison for his coming today with suggestions and to Mayor Parker questioned if the city could enter into an interlocal agreement with TxDOT or would there be any grants they had or would someone be writing trying to get grant funding for this; and Mayor Parker stated that she did not know the status, the department would review the incident and make sure all proper procedures were taken to close lanes on the freeway and her understanding was the impaired driver went around the barricade and at a high rate of speed swerved back in, but it would be appropriate to get a report back and a follow-up would be with Officer Morrison and his wife on their suggestions. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Lovell absent.

Sgt. Bill Elkin, P. O. Box 2288, Houston, Texas 77252-2288 (281-345-7007) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Lovell absent.

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-880-0414) appeared and stated that Independence Heights filed a permit for a Juneteenth Parade in March and it did not take two months to get a conditional permit; that their Council Member paid the entry registration fee and he was told first they had to receive the check, then wait until it cleared and then they had to drive the route; that they had been doing parades for over 20 years and he felt this was another lame attempt to try and destroy the Independence Heights area and that the Council Member should be refunded his money and fees should be waived; that after he contacted the Mayor and the City Secretary's Office he received an unconditional permit within three hours; that they did not have a multi service center, library and now no pool or park; that Independence Heights was not utilized with the police storefront, it was purchased by community development money and he would ask it be closed, save the city money and give the building to the community since they no longer had any location for their meetings; that they were kicked out of the storefront and the park was now closed. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Branch stated that the Independence Heights Storefront was the only storefront in the City of Houston actually purchased with community development money; and Council Member Jones stated that they could not give away something purchased with those funds; and Mr. Branch asked if it could be sold to them; and Mr. Branch stated that a year ago they tried to get the old fire station and then the city put it up for sale and the price was too high, but every time they tried to get something it was wiped out; that the fire station was abandoned for over 15 years and as soon as they suggested it for their area it was up for sale. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Gonzalez stated that as for the parade he was in contact with Susan Christen and he thought there was an issue with an individual who was in with the parade process but it worked out or the person stepped aside, but he understood the parade would take place and all seemed to be in order and moving forward; that on the park situation he expressed the same concerns he had, Independence Heights having no library, etc.; and time expired and not enough Council Members were present to suspend the rules to extend the time. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Reginald Roberts, 3812 Maple Drive, Conroe, Texas 77302 (281-739-1329) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Patricia Martin, 8381 Broadway #206, Houston, Texas 77061 (832-276-6400) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. John Johnson, 7102 Windemere, Houston, Texas 77088 (832-453-1900) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Rubie Dixon, 5105 Airline Drive, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-691-0191) appeared and stated that she was the founder of a nonprofit organization because they were people too, they responded to the needs of individuals in the disabled community; that she was told security guards would not be able to assist people to Council any longer because of budget cuts and she understood, but she would encourage them to remain inclusive to individuals with disabilities as it was important they be able to access city government and have an understanding between politicians and citizens; that today she was present regarding the creation of an open dialogue with those with disabilities by reaching out to community centers, etc., that she was a consumer at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center located at 1475 West Gray and they had a project "Citizens With Disabilities Review Board" coming up on July 7th to discuss advocacy, assess ability, accommodations and accountability; that she understood things were changing because of budget cuts and invited all to attend. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales presiding.

Council Member Adams stated that the Mayor was not in the Chamber right now but she would say this so it could resonate; that she was saddened to hear last week everyone in the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities were terminated, she did not know the office was being eliminated and she understood it would go under the Department of Neighborhood Services, but the director of that department had not informed any Council Member the action would be taking place and she thought it would be out of respect; that she had to find out from the community and when something of this importance was closed she believed a secondary plan should be in place and Council Members should know so they could respond to constituents of the particular population; and she was asking the Administration to respond to her request as well as those in the disabled community and the board and address the concerns; and she also wanted to know what Plan B was. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales presiding.

Council Member Stardig stated that the Americans With Disability Act was a passion of hers for many years and she appreciated her coming and sharing concerns; that part of ADA was reasonable accommodations and she was asking the Administration to give full attention to the security staff that they were trained and understanding expectations of anyone arriving at any city facility and reasonable accommodations were always met and she should feel free to contact her office. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they would follow-up. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan,

Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she too had the same concerns; that as she sat here if there was a disabled person on Council, Council was not equipped to deal with disabilities so there were issues there also. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Mary Michael Townsend, 1802 Cherryhurst, Houston, Texas 77006 (617-653-5315) appeared and stated that she was a resident of the Cherryhurst Park Community and she was representing about 40 members who could not be present and some had to leave; that Council Member Jones mentioned Moms and children and how to keep their interest at heart; Council Member Clutterbuck talking on not enough funding and Council Members Bradford and Adams saying there had to be police on the street and the issue of keeping the Cherryhurst Community Center open did all that, her concern was they were getting ready to close something which was an answer to many of their problems; that they were extremely active and a news release stated their center needed repair but it was in impeccable shape with a brand new energy efficient air conditioner installed only a few weeks ago; that they were told in usage numbers theirs ranked 56 out of 59; that the annual budget for their center was \$90,000 and last year the usage was 9,470 people many who were children after school and that came out to \$7.39 per kid annually; that they had tennis programs, karate classes, arts and crafts and summer programs and they kept children off the street and allowed officers to do more important things. Council Members Stardig, Hoang, Gonzalez and Costello absent.

Council Member Lovell thanked all who came on behalf of Cherryhurst; that her children had enjoyed the programs and so had the Mayor's and she knew this was hard on her; that part of the solutions must come from the people and they must step up and become leaders on this; that she would say to the Mayor there was a Management District in the Montrose and could those funds be used to contribute to the center staying open; that it should be a priority as they had a great after school program; that she would like to meet with the Management District and businesses in the area for fundraising; and Ms. Townsend stated that they did not expect government to pay for everything and did have solutions and they were just asking it not be closed; and Council Member Lovell stated that if she would convene the meeting and invite her she would be happy to come. Council Members Stardig, Hoang, Gonzalez and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that her daughter did walk there and was in the after school program and knew there were ways to keep it open. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Costello absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she was thankful their community was able to come together and have nongovernmental solutions but something that chagrined her about what they decided to close and not to close was picking on the most vulnerable; that some areas could not raise money for anything and it troubled her, she was a child of centers which helped her and the city gave tax breaks and that was less income, it was always easier to find ways for business rather than human capital and she was of the mind human capital needed to be invested in and she would love to be a part of what was going on and try and find solutions for all community centers, pools, parks, soccer programs, etc. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Costello absent.

Council Member Sullivan moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Mary Michael Townsend, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0418 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he used to live on Cherryhurst, his Grandmother

owned the home from the time it was built until she passed away and it was he and his wife's first home and if he could be of any assistance he would be glad to. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Costello absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he too had the same concerns in his district with Charlton Park and the soccer league and colleagues asking to help with her center he would ask to help with his as well as they all needed to work together and make sure the children had activities this summer. Council Members Clutterbuck and Costello absent.

Mr. Stephen Smith, 2402 Yupon, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-523-6400) appeared and stated that he was delighted at the response given; that there was a policy in place causing park facilities to leave their air set at 72° and employees were not supposed to change it and that was a tremendous amount of money and working with that and other ways they could save money and be proactive. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would assure him the policy of the city was to shut off electricity when it was not being used, they had retrofitted many buildings to make sure lights went out by themselves and temperatures were raised when appropriate. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that sometimes things were not caught except for constituents and in the Chamber today the temperature was cut back, they were doing their part here and would make sure it happened at the Parks Department. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Costello absent.

Ms. Susan Barry, 1618 California, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-254-5257) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Costello absent.

Ms. Olive Hershey, 2415 Yupon, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-529-0095) appeared and stated that she lived in Cherryhurst and the park was the best part of it; that the budget crisis was difficult for everyone, but parks were a gathering place, a city was a gathering place for the civilized and that was done at parks; people met at parks and had birthday parties at parks and a city owed this to its citizens. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Pennington, Costello and Jones absent.

Ms. Carol Rensink, 1612 Haver, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-254-5146) appeared, presented information and stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Cherryhurst Civic Association and Save Cherryhurst Park community Center Action Committee; that they understood the economic crisis would bring cutbacks in city services, but their protest was based on strong evidence that their community center did not meet the city's criteria for closure and should remain open; read a list of the Mayor's reasons for closures and contradicted with their hours open, etc., that many low income children from two schools walked to the center and may not have transportation to any other facility; that they held many classes and programs and the Neartown Super Neighborhood Association and Cherryhurst Civic Association held meetings there regularly; that parties and weddings held there generated income and the building was in excellent shape needing no repair and had a brand new unit for air; and urged the closure of their center be reconsidered. Council Members Hoang, Pennington, Costello and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams thanked all on the Cherryhurst issue for coming and working with her office on it and stated she would encourage any Council Member who wanted to work with the District Council Member and get updates on where they were going to do so; that she looked at the center and compared them to River Oaks and there was a big comparison, the

park was already established with after school programs and programs for the community and held community meetings and when something was done for one park she would bring it up to have it done for another; that she was asking the Administration and Parks Department to give them an opportunity to work with the community, business leaders, management district, etc., to come up with ways to support the park; that Cherryhurst Park was the heart of the community; and urged all come together with some creative ways to raise funds. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Costello and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to add her thanks to all community members who appeared with constructive suggestions and solutions; that all were trying to figure this out and this was the first she heard regarding Cherryhurst having a revenue stream and suspected a number of other centers also had a revenue stream and wondered if Council could be provided a list of how much the centers brought in on parties, etc., as well as where did the money go as the answers would be helpful while figuring out what to do. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Jones absent.

Ms. Francesca Fuchs, 1125 E. 11th, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-863-7112) appeared and stated that she was PTO president at Wilson Montessori School in HISD just up from Cherryhurst and she was standing for the many parents who needed the park open and was urging the closure be reconsidered; that they were hearing from the Cherryhurst Community which was a rich community and they may think it would be easy to raise funds and keep it open, but she was present to say Wilson was a 56% free lunch school, their constituency was very poor and had no place else to go and needed the park for a safe environment and to get help with school work, etc., the center was centrally located and keeping it open would be huge to the community. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she was familiar with Wilson because their music teacher was her neighbor and she heard of the school daily; that she thanked them for saving it because if it had not become a Montessori school HISD would have closed it and it was a very valuable asset; that she knew they were doing a fund drive for their SPARK Park and they did not want to compete with them for funding and would assure her it would not conflict with their fund raising. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Ms. Fuchs for coming and for what she did and stated that while all were paying attention she would like to say not all community centers were similarly situated and not all had revenue streams and this city should not just be helping people who had revenue they were supposed to help everyone and sometimes the community center was the only place a child could go to get help with studies, etc., and they should not be forgotten, the poor were trying to figure out how to keep their lights and water and were not renting spaces for parties and they needed to offer free services and because something was free it did not mean it was not valuable. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Lovell absent.

Mr. David Robinson, 2514 Elmen, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-907-8241) appeared and stated that he was president of Neartown Montrose Super Neighborhood #24 it was exciting to hear ideas on saving the Cherryhurst Center; that they were having two meetings, first the Super Neighborhood Alliance on June 20th on the first floor of City Hall and the Super Neighborhood Meeting in the Montrose hoped to be in the Cherryhurst Center on June 28th at 7:00 p.m. and they looked forward to working with everyone and keeping the center open. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Mr. Robinson for his hard work and for all appearing today and it was important to figure out how to do this better; that she wanted to thank the Parks Department who just responded to her verbal request for information about what happened to community center revenue; that she found this interesting and felt they would also, when someone rented a community center the revenue went into the special revenue fund and eventually used to balance the golf courses; and Mayor Parker stated that was not her understanding. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams thanked Mr. Robinson for all his leadership and being president of Neartown she knew he took this to heart, but waiting to the 28th was too close to being done with the budget and she would ask he go back to the board and get a meeting sooner; and Mayor Parker stated that by the 28th the budget should be passed. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Lovell, Mr. Robinson stated that the Super Neighborhood Alliance, citywide, would be downstairs in the Mayor's Conference Room on June 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 and the Neartown Super Neighborhood Meeting would be on June 28th, but with Council Member Adams' suggestion they would convene a special session June 14th at the latest; and Council Member Lovell stated that she would ask they get with the Management District about being in the revenue stream; and she wanted them prepared, to come to the meeting saying what they could do and not leave and then find out. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. David Robinson, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.  
MOTION 2011-0419 ADOPTED

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that involving the Management District was a great idea but there was work needed to keep the revenue straight and to Mayor Parker she expressed surprise that she did not think the revenue went into the Special Revenue Fund, where did she think it went; and Mayor Parker stated that she thought it went to the Special Revenue Fund, but not an offset to golf courses, there were several park revenue funds; and upon further questions, Mayor Parker stated that the whole discussion..., she put a budget forward and it was up to Council Members to make adjustments to that budget and there were a number of community centers she would like to see open; no, she was not saying she supported the funds going into the golf courses and she would not be changing the budget, it was presented and it was up to Council Members to amend her budget, she would be happy to work with her on some adjustments. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Pennington and Costello absent.

Mr. Tom Bregel, 1644 Crestdale Drive, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-461-3258) appeared and stated that he was present to complain, his water bill went up to \$257.00 this month when normally it ran between \$17.00 and \$19.00 and he saw they were paying for a storm drain fee; that the water part was \$120.00 and he was watering his lawn, but he was on an open ditch and there was no water going on the street or in the ditch since there was no rain recently; that he did not think it right for the city to put their debt burden on individuals when they had nothing to do with it; that they needed to use common sense and get away from the gingerbread until they were out of debt; that on Blalock and Longpoint they tore up new streets and put pavers and a lot of money was spent and it lent to no safety and if they would ticket landscape people for blowing grass into the streets which did go into the storm drainage system they could make money. Mayor Parker, Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Pennington, Costello and Lovell absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Bregel stated that his water bill was \$120.00 and the storm drain was \$136.00; and upon further questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Feldman stated that no one was being billed for a drainage fee as yet and it would not be on his bill; and Council Member Jones looked at Mr. Bregel's bill and Mr. Feldman stated that the only thing Public Works sent out on the drainage was test bills; and Council Member Jones stated that it said water \$120.37 and sewer \$136.78; and Mr. Feldman stated that was sewer, not drainage; and Council Member Jones stated that she just did not understand; and Mayor Parker stated that she would like him to speak with Mr. Norman on a follow-up; and Council Member Jones stated that she would like some follow-up also as it looked like a big increase. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Pennington, Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Stardig thanked Mr. Bregel for coming and stated that she wanted to clarify something; that she would be happy to review his bill with him and she agreed about blowing yard trimmings into the sewer and she would also like it enforced, but the pavers he referred to were not done by the City of Houston, but the Spring Branch Management district installed them and it was separate assessments to the businesses in the area which were invested and not city dollars. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Pennington, Costello and Lovell absent.

Mr. William Beal, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Pennington, Costello and Lovell absent.

Mr. Mark Moseley, 1741 Gardenia Drive, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-681-5437) appeared, presented pictures for viewing and stated that he lived in Oak Forest and had a problem of flooding for many years; that he lived at the corner of Gardenia and Rosslyn and was almost 80 years old now and the water was so swift if he had an emergency he would not be able to get out; that in years past two little girls were sucked down the drain and his pictures showed the problem which was Rosslyn was a few feet higher than his street and the water backed up; that on the other side of Rosslyn there was no water, but his side was like a lake. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Pennington, Costello and Lovell absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Moseley stated that he could not tell her when the pictures were taken, but it happened every time there was a hard rain; and Mayor Parker stated that she understood Public Works was out in December and did work and went out yesterday and spoke with him and they saw no obvious reasons for flooding, but would continue to stay in touch with him and do more investigation and Mr. Norman was present and would speak with him today and he would be his personal contact. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that as the District Council Member she asked all residents to monitor outlets and make sure nothing was caught, but if he did see issues such as that he could contact her office or the City's 311 number and let them know if he needed assistance in clearing it; and she appreciated him coming and making them aware; and Mr. Norman would be happy to assist him. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Pennington and Costello absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that Public Works went out and cleaned the outlets and flushed some culverts, to do a more in depth they needed to send something down the lines to check for blockage and they would be doing so. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mr. Anthony Archer, 12626 Cannonwood Lane, Houston, Texas 77070 (713-985-5151) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mr. Ken Walls, 4127 Airline Drive, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-651-3395) appeared and stated that his issue was sagging pants which was very annoying to him and it was an epidemic; that as a member of the community in Independence Heights he witnessed others humiliated and annoyed and disrespected in places of businesses, neighborhoods and schools and he considered it a disgrace; that he would like a petition of signatures to pass an ordinance outlawing the sagging nonsense, many considered it indecent exposure and funds could be generated through citations. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she shared his distaste for the style and would encourage private property owners to have dress codes and enforce them. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mr. Jesus De Albarenga, 6515 La Sallette, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-438-8173) appeared and stated that he was present regarding community changes; that he lived in Third Ward and what motivated him to come today was he saw a campaign poster on a fence, running At-Large for City Council, and saw a bunch of trash and grassy field and if they were running for Council and really wanted to make a difference why not cleanup and set the example; that he went ahead a cleaned up to set the example, people said this was the ghetto and you lived a certain trashy way with prostitutes, etc., but he thought as city leaders he would like all to step up and set examples; and there was also a lot of homeless needing housing; that he told the manager at the Riverside Garden Apartments what he was trying to do and trying to get signatures on a petition on what changes they would like to see in the community and the manager said it would bring attention there and make him look bad and on the day he made an appointment to speak to the Mayor and Council he received an eviction notice. Council Members Rodriguez, Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Adams thanked Mr. Albarenga for coming and commended him for being so proactive in the community; that they had a strong community in his area and the president of the civic association was Mr. Preston Rowe and he worked very hard on community cleanups and she would love for them to sit and talk and share positive ideas, many there were seniors and he would welcome a man like him and her office would be calling him to set an appointment for him to meet with her and she would give his number to Mr. Rowe. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that Mr. Albarenga handed out a one day notice to evict; and upon questions, Mr. Albarenga stated that he was never filed papers through the court system; and Council Member Jones stated that landlord/tenant law did not allow such and he may want to look into that. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Reverend Joe Angel Lopez, 13334 Wells River Drive, Houston, Texas 77041 (832-891-2724) appeared and stated that he was a citizen of Houston from the near northside area and had family from Vietnam; that family came from there in 1974 and he wore his white scarf to honor the dead; that the railroad and city would be sued for keeping the Fifth Ward hostage; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members

Adams, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Juliette Nguyen, 11739 Wickchester, Houston, Texas 77043 (281-406-2132) appeared and stated that she represented those living on Wickchester Lane regarding the traffic management program; that it was hard for her culture to come forward, but they had much traffic and she was asking for assistance, they had a barrier for 90 days but it was shut down after three weeks, it had been the first time her street was peaceful. Council Members Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Stardig thanked Ms. Nguyen for coming and waiting to speak today to remind all of Wickchester; that the Administration was continuing to work on this and it was important to her; that the barrier had been pulled for safety reasons; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that she had not been briefed; and Council Member Stardig stated that she would like to follow-up with her and they would keep her briefed, it was a neighborhood street she had concerns with and she believed meetings were being scheduled; and Mayor Parker stated that she knew Public Works was considering a range of options including speed humps, but they would not roll out another plan with out visiting with her. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Council Member Stardig stated that the barrier had been removed for safety reasons, traffic was going around the devices into ongoing traffic; and upon further questions, Mayor Parker stated that they were going back to businesses, the neighborhood and Council Member to figure out what was next, there was no timeframe; and Council Member Stardig stated that she would keep Council Member Jones informed. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to extend the meeting past the noon hour to complete the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0420 ADOPTED.

Apostle F. Wynne, 600 E. Tidwell, Houston, Texas (832-317-5458) appeared and stated that he was present last month complaining about the safety of Black people living at 600 East Tidwell Road and a few days after he was present a neighbor was murdered in the building and his neighbor refused to call police because he did not like the man and again he was saying he did not feel safe; that when people came to America they should live by rules here, but they refused to do so and he would be moving out of the building, he was run out by foreigners and did not like it. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he did follow-up on that location and visited with HPD about the homicide situation and he was unaware of that aspect of it, but would again follow-up with HPD and see if they had information on the status of the case. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Jones thanked Mr. Wynne for coming and stated that as much as they would like people to call police it was not against the law for them not to, but this was a subsidized property; and upon questions, Apostle Wynne stated that he went to HUD and talked to someone and told him the situation; and Council Member Jones stated that she brought it up because the city had no authority with regard to the property because it was a HUD property; and Apostle Wynne stated that his complaint was his safety, no Black person there felt safe; that he was not sure if it was Mr. Richardson he spoke with; and Council Member Jones stated that they would follow-up and see who he spoke with and see if they could make the connect; and Apostle Wynne stated that the Whites there were persecuted almost as much as the Blacks

by foreigners who wanted them out. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he needed more time and he defeated Barack Obama in the past term; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

At 12:07 pm. Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda. Council Member Costello absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 61**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 1 through 4

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. FRANCES CASTAÑEDA DYESS**, (Harris County Representative) to Position Seven to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire July 6, 2011 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0421 ADOPTED.
3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. STEVEN J. GIBSON**, to Position Fifteen to the **HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC** for a term to expire January 1, 2014 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0422 ADOPTED.
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs for the designation of residential parking permit areas in the Super Neighborhoods of University Place, Midtown, Museum Park and MacGregor - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0423 ADOPTED.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 5 through 9

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$129,919.02 and acceptance of work on contract with **NCM DEMOLITION AND REMEDIATION, LP fka CST ENVIRONMENTAL, LP** for Asbestos Abatement and Demolition at Julia Ideson Building - Phase 2 - 9.73% over the original contract amount **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0424 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$740,347.66 and acceptance of work on contract with **STANDARD CEMENT MATERIALS, INC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal 1.66% over the original contract amount – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0425 ADOPTED.

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,644,315.42 and acceptance of work on contract with **GONZALEZ CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISE, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Clinton-West Area - 0.48% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0426 ADOPTED.
9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$781,100.00 and acceptance of work contract with **WESTERN SUMMIT CONSTRUCTORS, INC** for Storm Water Pump Replacement and Temporary Pumping Services at the East Water Purification Plant - 0.5% under the original contract amount – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0427 ADOPTED.

**PROPERTY** - NUMBERS 10 and 11

10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY10-212, located at 2426 Airline Drive, owned by JGR Investments, L.L.C., a Texas limited liability company, Jamie Reyes, President, for the **AIRLINE DRIVE PAVING PROJECT from North Main to IH-610 - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0428 ADOPTED.
11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of additional payment to Michael Urban for appraisal services, for the **YALE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (West Tidwell Road to West Parker Road) - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0429 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 12 through 15A

12. **MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC** through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for Ballfield Lighting at Shady Lane Park for the Parks & Recreation Department \$194,250.00 - Parks Special Revenue Fund - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0430 ADOPTED.
13. **DRIVECAM, INC** for Purchase of Tier 4 Managed Services and Renewal of DriveCam Managed Services Subscriptions and Online License from the General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for Solid Waste Management Department \$92,064.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0431 ADOPTED.
14. ORDINANCE appropriating \$88,014.59 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund and \$17,871.86 out of the Fleet/Equipment Special Revenue Fund for the purchase of Forklifts and Manlifts for Various Departments - \$86,289.34 Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0393 ADOPTED.

- 14a. **MITSUBISHI CATERPILLAR FORKLIFT AMERICA INC., d/b/a MITSUBISHI FORKLIFT TRUCKS OF HOUSTON** for Forklifts and Manlifts for Various Departments – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0432 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,203,310.46 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Replacement of the Medium Voltage Metal-Clad Switchgear at 69th Street Wastewater Operations for the Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0394 ADOPTED.
- 15a. **SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC USA, INC** for Replacement of Medium Voltage Metal-Clad Switchgear at 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Department of Public Works & Engineering \$1,093,918.60 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$1,203,310.46 - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0433 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 16 through 61

16. RESOLUTION of the City Council prescribing the date, time, and location of a public hearing on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; authorizing notice of such public hearing and making other provisions related to the subject - **HEARING DATE - TUESDAY - 1:30 P.M. - JUNE 14, 2011** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. RESOLUTION 2011-0011 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES** to provide procedures for conducting national criminal background checks on certain applicants for permits, licenses or authorizations from the City – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0395 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of two utility easements and a sanitary sewer easement; vacating and abandoning said easements to Ainbinder Heights, LLC, owner, in consideration of its dedication of a sanitary sewer easement and four corner clips, all within the Houston Heights Subdivision, John Austin Two Leagues Survey, A-1, Harris County, Texas, payment to the City of \$102,930.00, and other consideration; approving easement conveyances - Revenue - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0396 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 2300 block of South Boulevard within the City of Houston as a special building line requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0397 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE establishing the north side of the 1700 block of Vassar Avenue within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was

presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0398 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2011-388 for the purpose of making a minor correction in the listing of voting precincts affecting certain single member districts; containing findings and other provisions related to the foregoing subject; containing a severability provision – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0399 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION**, for the Forensic Science Backlog Reduction for Controlled Substances; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - \$233,126.40 Grant Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0400 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing grant agreement between the City of Houston and the **OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY** for the FY2011 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - \$1,240,678.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0401 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **SPRINT SOLUTIONS, INC** for Next Generation Wireless Devices and Services for the Information Technology Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$20,000,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Costello absent.
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **INFAX, INC** for Flight Information Display Systems Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years - \$1,833,400.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0402 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **MCCARTY ROAD LANDFILL TX, LP** for Disposal of Waste Materials from Sewer cleanouts for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$641,901.15 - Enterprise and Stormwater Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0403 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$68,661.60 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund and approving and authorizing issuance of purchase order to **T. F. HARPER & ASSOCIATES L.P.** through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for the Cole Creek Park - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0404 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,076,721.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and \$412,279.00 out of Parks Special Fund; awarding construction contract to **HASSELL**

- CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Kingwood Community Center; setting a deadline for the proposers' execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and materials testing services, Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and Parks Special Fund - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0405 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$53,285.14 out of the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the Advanced Funding Agreement (Approved by Ordinance No. 2005-0052) between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Broadway Boulevard Intersection at the IH 610 Loop - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0406 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE deappropriating \$221,665.73 from the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and deappropriating \$246,000.00 appropriated from the Homeless and Housing Consolidated Fund (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0166); and amending Interlocal Cost Sharing Contract with **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 410** for Construction of Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Lines to serve Southdown Trace Section 4 - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0407 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** for Funding of Mobility Planning - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0408 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$400,200.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0409 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$12,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RATNALA & BAHL, INC** for Street and Bridge Capital Improvements Projects – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0410 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$12,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC** for Sewer Service to Unserved Areas Package 1: Shared Facilities (Regional) Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Magnolia Point Lift Station, Force Main and Trunk Main; Strange's Camp Lift Station and Force Main - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0411 ADOPTED.

42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$12,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **OMEGA ENGINEERS, INC** for Water & Sewer Capital Projects – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0412 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$46,750.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ATKINS NORTH AMERICA d/b/a ATKINS (Formerly PBS&J)** for West Little York Paving from T.C. Jester to Alabonson / Deep Forest (Approved by Ordinance No. 1998-1242); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0413 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$12,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **KELLOGG BROWN & ROOT SERVICES, INC** for Various Wastewater Facilities Projects – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0414 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$12,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **ESPA CORPORATION** for Water and Sewer Capital Projects – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0415 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **RESICOM, INC** for FY11 Water Distribution System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Operating Fund - \$1,590,103.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0416 ADOPTED.
47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,508,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for Morningside Improvements Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0417 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE appropriating \$460,900.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **DCE CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction facilities financed by the Street & Bridge

Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0418 ADOPTED.

49. ORDINANCE appropriating \$763,450.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CAAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0419 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE appropriating \$506,750.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CAAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS G - PENNINGTON and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0420 ADOPTED.
51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,585,809.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **NORTH HOUSTON POLE LINE, L.P.** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0421 ADOPTED.
52. ORDINANCE appropriating \$972,309.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **TEXAS REEXCAVATION, L.C.** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, (4235-50) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0422 ADOPTED.
53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,340,935.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **REPIPE CONSTRUCTION, LTD.** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Cured-In-Place Pipe Method; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, (4258-47) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0423 ADOPTED.

54. ORDINANCE granting to **A-VAC SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0424 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
55. ORDINANCE granting to **BAY AREA VACUUM SERVICES, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0425 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
56. ORDINANCE granting to **ELTON CHILDS d/b/a A-AFFORDABLE VACUUM SERVICE, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0426 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
57. ORDINANCE granting to **MILSTEAD ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0427 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
58. ORDINANCE granting to **PEDRO CISNEROS d/b/a METRO GREASE TRAP, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0428 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
59. ORDINANCE granting to **WASTEWATER TRANSPORT SERVICES, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0429 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
60. ORDINANCE No. 2011-341, passed second reading May 18, 2011  
ORDINANCE granting to **USAGAIN ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL**

**READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0341 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

61. ORDINANCE No. 2011-348, passed second reading May 18, 2011  
ORDINANCE granting to **PHOENIX POLLUTION CONTROL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0348 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

## **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **ACCEPT WORK**

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$6,055,237.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **TOTAL CONTRACTING, LTD.**, for Reconstruction of Parker Road from Airline to Hardy Toll Road - 0.92% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Gonzalez. Council Member Costello absent.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Purchase Agreement between **MACEY FAMILY PROPERTIES, LTD.**, Purchaser, and the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, for the sale of the remainder of Block 120 (Parcel SY10-017), within South Side Buffalo Bayou, J. S. Holman Survey, A-323, for \$3,394,611.57 - Revenue - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Clutterbuck voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0430 ADOPTED.
- 20a. ORDINANCE establishing the western right-of-way line of Avenida De Las Americas from Rusk Avenue to Capitol Avenue, South Side Buffalo Bayou, J. S. Holman Survey, A-323 - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Clutterbuck voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0431 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the sale of 0.9984 acres of land located at 3602 Center Street in Block 328 of the Houston Heights Addition, Houston, Harris County, Texas, to **ADMIRAL LINEN SERVICE, INC** for \$2,010,000.00 and other consideration to the City of Houston, Texas; approving a special warranty deed; approving a lease agreement between **ADMIRAL LINEN SERVICE, INC**, as lessor, and the City, as lessee - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Jones, Gonzalez and Noriega. Council Member Costello absent.
25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS** for the Development of Disease Surveillance and Early Event Detection Applications for the Rollcall System used to report absenteeism due to illnesses by Houston Independent School District Students; providing a maximum contract amount - \$175,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0432 ADOPTED.

26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the 2011 Meet and Confer Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Clutterbuck. Council Member Costello absent.
31. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, LLC** for Jail Food Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$3,182,165.89 - General Fund – was presented. Council Member Costello absent.

After discussion, Council Member Johnson stated that he would like to see some of the matrix that went along with this item and the decision that took place as to how they ended up coming to the conclusion of Aramark winning the contract, and Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Johnson was right, that it was, in her view, a tainted bid process originally, that she pulled it away from the Police Department and asked that it be rebid and the bids were conducted by the Legal Department, that she would have the Legal Department meet with any Council Member who had questions. Council Members Sullivan and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the item had been tagged by Council Members Jones, Johnson, Adams and Rodriguez. Council Members Sullivan and Costello absent.

34. ORDINANCE awarding three Job Order Contracts (JOC) between the City of Houston and **HORIZON INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LLC, J. E. DUNN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,** and **WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for the General Services Department JOC Program, contingent on contractor's submission of all required contract documents; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years - \$10,000,000.00 maximum contract amount per contract – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Members Sullivan and Costello absent.

#### **NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 62 and 63

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

63. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** for a fourth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Two (Midtown Zone) - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS and I – RODRIGUEZ** - **SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - JUNE 15, 2011** – was presented. Council Member Costello absent.

Council Member Gonzalez, moved to set June 15, 2011 for a public hearing for a fourth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Two (Midtown Zone), seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0434 ADOPTED.

#### **MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 64 through 71

64. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$8,992,039.18 and acceptance of work on contract with **PACE SERVICES, L.P.**, for Lancaster Area Drainage Improvements - 7.47% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – **(This was Item 5 on Agenda of May 18, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Lovell. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0435 ADOPTED.
65. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for

approval of final contract amount of \$10,334,081.49 and acceptance of work on contract with **PACE SERVICES, L.P.**, for Kirby Drive Relief Storm Sewer - Phase 2 - 5.40% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON – (This was Item 6 on Agenda of May 18, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0436 ADOPTED.

66. RESOLUTION supporting and approving the proposed development for affordable rental housing for homeless veterans of Light Rail Lofts at Midtown Terrace, located at 4600 Main Street in the City of Houston, Texas, for the purpose of authorizing the allocation of 2011 Housing Tax Credits to such development - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS – (This was Item 19 on Agenda of May 18, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. RESOLUTION 2011-0012 ADOPTED.
69. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2006-1094 to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **ARAMARK SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES, INC (now known as ARAMARK SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES, LLC)**, for Cleaning and Janitorial Services for Special Events for the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department - \$1,943,227.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 33 on Agenda of May 18, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0433 ADOPTED.
70. ORDINANCE deappropriating \$108,000.00 appropriated out of Reimbursement of Equipment/ Projects Fund (“The Fund”) by Ordinance No. 2009-0811 for Contract No. 4600009903 between the City of Houston and **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**; and re-appropriating the same amount out of the Fund for Reimbursement for work to be completed directly by the Public Works & Engineering Department for the Houston Permitting Center – **(This was Item 35 on Agenda of May 18, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0434 ADOPTED.
71. ORDINANCE appropriating \$100,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, \$50,000.00 out of Drainage Improvement C Paper Series F Fund, and \$50,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Environmental Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HVJ ASSOCIATES, INC** for Asbestos and Lead related Consulting Services for City Buildings – **(This was Item 48 on Agenda of May 18, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0435 ADOPTED.

#### **MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he wanted to thank all of his colleagues and the Mayor for their support of the Third Annual East End Golf Classic, hosted by his Council office, that there were still teams available and the proceeds raised would benefit the renovation and beautification of Gus Wortham Golf Course, that they were looking forward to a great event, that it would be at 8:00 a.m. at Wild Cat Golf Club, that he wanted to thank Republic Services for being the underwriting sponsor and hosting them at Wild Cat on Friday, that he wanted to thank the Parks Board and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for all of their help putting the tournament together; that he wanted to say congratulations to all of the graduating seniors from the Class of 2011, that he had received many commencement invitations and

announcements over the past few weeks, that he wanted to wish all of the men and women best of luck in their future endeavors, that he wanted to sent a shout out to his cousin, Ms. Lauren Ashley Garza, who was graduating from Dobey High School and Mr. Matt Luna, who was graduating from Lamar High School, that he wanted to congratulate them on their accomplishments and all of the seniors who were graduating; that again he wanted to express his condolences to the family of Officer Will, that he and his colleagues did appreciate all of the work and sacrifice that the men and women in blue did on a daily basis and they were really sad about this tragic loss. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that the District E office would be having a Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall meeting next week at the University of Houston Clear Lake in the Garden Room from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., that they would continue to work hard to communicate the resources available to their constituents and others; that it was coincidental that they had a public speaker today who talked about campaign signs and clutter, that it was campaign season and they were already started to see some bandit campaign signs, especially ones on the overpasses of the freeways, that he thought that it sends a bad message, that he worked very hard to keep his campaign signs on private property where they were supposed to be, that besides it violating City ordinance and looking bad it created extra work for their Sign Administration Department, that whatever the candidates could do to follow the City ordinance and keep their neighborhoods clean would be appreciated; that as to the Wounded Warriors Weekend that was held recently, for anyone who did not see it on tv or the newspaper it was a very moving experience to watch, that literally dozens of wounded service men and women coming through Bush Intercontinental Airport, picked up by volunteers and taken down to Port O'Connor for a weekend fishing trip, and while that might sound like a simple thing and not a very big deal, it was a life changing event not just for the volunteers who put it on, but also for the service men and women, that he wanted to thank everyone involved with the Wounded Warriors Weekend, that they had about 1,200 people in the baggage claim area waving flags, banners, clapped, cried, hugged and made everyone feel welcome and appreciated, that they had two groups of people that made it happen besides the Wounded Warriors, the Houston Aviation System and the Houston Police Department and everybody involved in the HPD Aviation Division, that it was a great program and a lot of people helped; that it was requested that a bus be used to get some of the warriors from the airport and their hotel to a local restaurant so the restaurant could treat them to a steak dinner, that Metro declined the request so HPLU stepped forward and provided the bus and paid for it themselves and made sure that nobody knew about it, that he found out about it and it gave him great indigestion, as much as Metro did in the community, and he did appreciate the work that they did for them, that he thought they could have worked with them to provide one bus on one evening to take care of these service men and women. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was problematic for Metro to provide a bus for something that was essentially a private event, that on the other hand Metro did put in a special service for Memorial Day to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery that was very successful, they had special routes to and from the park and ride to the cemetery so that the families could get out there for the service on Monday morning, that they were trying to do what they could within their limits, and she would be happy to talk to Council Member Sullivan about that. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to thank her colleagues for approving the Home Based Day Care Ordinance, that she believed that if there was something they could do they must do it, that it may not solve the whole problem, but they had a responsibility to do so, that she wanted to thank the Mayor because when she visited with her about what the City could do and how quickly they could do it she immediately said to move forward and let the Fire

Chief and the Legal Department know it was a priority so that they could get it done quickly, that she wanted to thank the Mayor for having the idea of habitability inspections, which they would have to work through how they do that, but probably by the end of the year she was hoping they could have another set of eyes that would be able to make sure that the children were safe, that she wanted to thank the families also for their input and the calls to their office; that they had some terrible accidents this weekend and when a family member makes a wrong decision it did not mean that the whole family was bad, or the whole family participated in that decision and the ordinance they passed today, she thought, would move forward in keeping their children safe, that when they put their children in a car, it was the law, but they had a moral obligation to make sure those children were in a restraint, either in a car seat or with a seatbelt, because if they did not, and it did not matter how fast they were going, if someone hits them at a good speed their child becomes a projectile, a rocket, and they could be thrown from the car or thrown around the car, that these times now they could not put their child in the car and think that their arms around that child were going to stop that child from flying out the window, flying into the window or some harm coming, that it was not physically possible to hold onto that child. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that last week they had their annual Senior Citizen Prom, that he wanted to thank all of his staff who did a wonderful job, that they had about 500 senior citizens who danced and enjoyed themselves, that he wanted to thank his sponsors, Health Springs, Bravo, Evercare, Walgreens, United Health Care and Wells Fargo and many more; that he wanted to say congratulations to Deborah Campbell, who was a volunteer in his office and was graduating from North Forest High School, that she would be attending Texas College in Tyler, Texas, that she had been a volunteer in his office for five years; that he wanted to say congratulations to Atherton Elementary, he would be serving as the MC for their graduation tomorrow; that he wanted to say congratulations to his son, they would be having a moving forward ceremony at Oak Forest Elementary, that it was one of many milestones that he looked forward to his son having as he was moving from elementary to middle school; that as to the 21st Annual International Jazz Festival, he would be serving as the co-chair for the event, that it was his third year in doing the festival, that it would all take place at Discovery Green; that a couple of weeks ago he neglected to announce the winner of his tournament, that Luther in C&E won the tournament, to Luther's team he appreciated their participating, that he wanted to thank everyone for coming out and being a part of that. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to acknowledge the family and friends of Office Kevin Will for their sacrifice to the City, that the passing of the bright young officer was a loss to the Houston Police Family and to the City of Houston, that he was a dedicated police officer and was fondly remembered; that last week he presented a proclamation and flowers to Ms. Lillian Risher, a resident of Independence Heights, she would be turning 102 years young this year, that his visit with Ms. Risher was in honor of Older America's Month, that he wanted to thank the Health Department and the Harris County Agency on Aging for facilitating this visit and for all of their hard work on behalf of their seniors; that on Thursday he joined the West End Civic Club and community leaders to celebrate the grand reopening of the West End Park, the first phase, which was completed earlier this year brought a brand new playground for their neighborhood families to use and had greatly improved the quality of the park, that he wanted to thank the West End Civic Club, the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office, the Mayor's Office of Special Events, the Parks and Recreation Department and the General Services Department for all of their hard work to make the park shine and the celebration a success; that on Friday he spoke with young adults who completed the Comcast Digital Connectors Program, that it was developed by One Economy and engaged teens and young adults in leadership development, digital education, community service and workforce skills, that it was one of many programs aimed at keeping their kids college bound and ensuring a great future for their children and the City; that this weekend they paused to remember those who had bravely served the Nation in

celebration of Memorial Day, that he stopped by the VA National Cemetery for the Memorial Day Ceremony, that there were simply not enough words to thank those who had made the supreme sacrifice for their freedom; that SNAP, in partnership with BARC, would continue their efforts to spay and neuter stray cats in the neighborhoods; that the Saint Patrick Church Summer Festival would be taking place this weekend in his neighborhood of Lindale Park at 4918 Cochran; that the Heights 5K Fun Run and Kids 1 K Run would be taking place on Saturday. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and her administration for demolition day that took place on May 23, 2011, that she wanted to thank the West McGregor Civic Club and all the residents for what they do, that she wanted to thank the staff of Neighborhood Services for putting together a great program, that she wanted to thank Council Member Stardig for her support, that District D had a separate demolition day on the following Tuesday at the 5100 block of Airport, that it was a multi family unit, that she wanted to thank all of the community leaders for coming together as they witnessed the old building coming down, that she wanted to thank all of those who played a wonderful part and made her proud to represent the area. Council Member Adams announced the following events; that tomorrow they would be kicking off at the Children's Museum of Houston, 1500 Binz, Brown Foundation Auditorium, the 2011 Exxon Mobile Community Summer Jobs Program; on Saturday to please come out for the 2011 Hurricane Preparedness Workshop at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall B, that hurricane season kicked off today; her Annual Birthday Bash would be at the Johnson Family home, that they received through ABC's Extreme Home Makeover, that their non profit was the Extreme Green Bash, to promote environment and recycling in the community, at 3630 Good Hope, that she wanted to thank the Johnson Family for opening up their home; the Annual Night at the Movies at the Miller Outdoor Theater at 8:00 p.m., that she wanted to thank all of her sponsors; that she had traveled to Brazil and met with the City Council Members in Brazil and they wanted her to present the Mayor with some books and videos about Brazil, and presented them to Mayor Parker on behalf of Salvador Bahia and the City Council. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to congratulate the Mayor and Catherine Flowers, along with her co-chair for a great demo day, that she thought it was a great success and these were the type of initiatives that citizens were looking for, creating predictability and taking away the blight and crime in their areas; that she wanted to recognize the Veterans Memorial Day Service at the VA Memorial Cemetery, along with her colleagues and the Mayor, that it was a very moving ceremony and she was glad she did not miss it; that she was having four movie nights at Hammerly and Beltway 8, at Agnes Moffett Park, which used to be called Spring Woods Park, that it would take place every Friday night in June, that the Farmers Market would begin at 5:00 p.m. and the movie would start at 8:00 p.m., that she wanted to thank the sponsors of the event, that it was a great opportunity for the community to enjoy the great amount of green space they had in their area, that she wanted to recognize all of her sponsors. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Pennington stated that last week he attended the regular monthly meetings of the Memorial Super Neighborhood and the West Chase Super Neighborhood, that in addition to wanting to be informed about the drainage fee they were fully engaged on traffic control, crime prevention, CIP Projects and other important projects out there; that he and his staffer, Mary Harmon, had the opportunity to tour the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research Hospital; that there was an article on May 25, 2011, written by Bill King, in the Houston Chronicle discussing the financial situation that the City had, that the good thing about it was that it treated the issue of revenues and expenditures, particularly with the projections

they heard yesterday at the committee meeting for future years, that he knew the Mayor knew better than any of them of the difficulty of making personnel changes to meet some of those requirements. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that last time she did not get to wish a happy birthday to Margaret Vidal Thompson and Evangence Mary Chambers, both of whom turned 74 years old, they were twins, that their family had 26 sets of twins; that she went to Alisha Ellis's brunch with the Art Car Parade; that she had a courtesy visit with the Counsel General of Equatorial, Guinea; that she attended the Cameroon American Community of Houston First Annual Gala at the Crown Plaza on behalf of the Mayor; that she gave some words at the National Caribbean Heritage Month on behalf of the Mayor; that she spoke at the Northwest Preparatory Academy Charter School 10th Annual 8th Grade Promotion Exercises, that the Charter School had moved out of Houston; that she had the opportunity to go to Joplin, Missouri, that she met with the Mayor, Mike Woolston, and spoke with Mayor Pro Tem Melodee Colbert-Kean, that pictures, in her opinion, did not portray the devastation that was there, that it was cold and rainy, that when she talked to them about their disaster preparedness their equivalent of pods just sort of came up and they ended up with five official ones, that the community came together, the neighboring towns came together, they had people driving in from as far away as Ohio trying to help, that she was really amazed at what mother nature did and how mother nature could remind them that they were mere mortals, that she was surprised that the south part of town was destroyed and the north side was just fine, that she would like to thank Farouk Shami, who was there, that when he first came to the States went to beauty school in Joplin, and gave a lot of his products to hairdressers, who lost everything, that she wanted to commend him, that Ms. Missouri USA, Ms. Hope Driscoll, flew in the night before and was there to help, that they had different people doing different things to help, that the Y.M.C.A. was watching peoples children during the day and feeding them while people went to look for their family members, that she would like for them to keep Joplin in their thoughts and prayers because there was sheer devastation there. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sullivan stated that HPD Captain Greg Freeman assisted with the Wounded Warriors Project; that with respect to international delegations and work, it was an honor to represent the Mayor on Sunday at Ellington Field with His Excellency Karel Schwarzenberg, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, that he wanted to thank Denay Lafluer and Leslie Santa Maria for meeting him at the airport, having the proclamation and the Honorary Citizenship Certificate and the flowers; that there was a larger community meeting in Clear Lake last night, over 300 constituents attended who had many questions regarding the new drainage fee, that he wanted to thank them and the Super Neighborhood Council of Clear Lake for putting that meeting together; that while they recognized that democracy worked and the drainage fee passed they viewed themselves as a very unique area that should be exempt, that he explained that the administration was going to be meeting with the Clear Lake City Water Authority attorneys and himself in the afternoon at 4:00 p.m. so they looked forward to a good productive meeting with City Attorney Feldman and the Clear Lake City Water Authority attorneys as well; that he wanted to congratulate his daughter, Paige Sullivan, who graduated from Kingwood High School on Saturday and was now Baylor bound, that they were going to the Baylor Baseball game on Friday at Rice University, that they were proud of her, she was a truly exceptional, talented and a lovely young lady. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that she was hoping to be out there as well; that he had mentioned earlier the signs in public places, particularly on the freeway overpasses and so forth, that she would go further than him, she would say to anyone, vote against people who put their signs on,

particularly, those over passes over the freeways, that it was very dangerous for their people to have to go and retrieve them, that she was glad he brought that issue up. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:56 p.m. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

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/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary